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FOR ARTHUR BURNS FROM GATES

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR BURNS TRAVEL PLANS

STATE 229335

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TO ARTHUR BURNS:

1. CHAIRMAN MAO'S DEATH HAS CREATED SOME DIFFICULTIES IN MY SCHEDULING. I PLAN TO RETURN TO THE US SEPTEMBER 26 FOR 2-3 WEEKS TO BE THERE AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. UNFORTUNATELY THE TIME OF THIS MEETING IS STILL INDEFINITE AND I MAY NOT GET BACK IN TIME TO MEET YOU ON YOUR ARRIVAL OCTOBER 6. HOPEFULLY I WILL BE BACK BY THE 10TH OR 11TH, BUT EVEN THAT IS NOT SURE.

3. THERE IS NO REASON FOR YOU TO CHANGE YOUR SCHEDULE. DAVID DEAN, MY DEPUTY, WILL MEET YOU, AND HE AND WILLIAM THOMAS, OUR ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU IN MAKING SUCH APPOINTMENTS AS ARE POSSIBLE AND ARRANGING YOUR SCHEDULE. YOU CAN STAY IN THE RESIDENCE AS IF WE WERE THERE. MR. BERNARD

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IS OF COURSE WELCOME.

4. IF YOU LEAVE MANILA OCTOBER 6, THE ONLY WAY FOR YOU TO ARRIVE IN PEKING THE SAME DAY WOULD BE TO TAKE IRAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT 801, WHICH ARRIVES HERE AT 2115. YOU MAY PREFER TO COME OCTOBER 7, WHEN YOU HAVE A CHOICE BETWEEN AIR FRANCE AND JAPAN AIRLINES. THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM ABOUT YOUR VISITING SOOCHOW AND SHANGHAI, OR IN RETURNING TO TOKYO DIRECT FROM SHANGHAI.

5. THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT PROBLEMS IN CASHING AMERICAN EXPRESS AND FNCB TRAVELER'S CHECKS HERE, SO I SUGGEST THAT YOU USE THE BANK OF AMERICA FOR THIS TRIP.

6. I SUGGEST THAT WE ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN PEKING: LI HSIEN-NIEN, VICE PREMIER OR KU MU, VICE PERMIER AND HEAD OF THE STATE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION; YU CHIU-LI, HEAD OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION; CHANG CHING-FU, MINISTER OF FINANCE; CHEN HSI-YU, DIRECTOR OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF CHINA; AND CHIAO PEI-HSIN, GENERAL MANAGER AND ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE BANK OF CHINA.

7. FOR THAYER: PLEASE ADVISE MRS. MARGARET STROUD, BOB MACNAMARA'S (AN MY FORMER) SECRETARY, WHO WAS PLANNING TO JOIN UP WITH BURNS ON TRIP FROM MANILA, ABOUT MY CHANGING AND INDEFINITE PLANS AND ASSURE HER THAT SHE IS STILL NEVERTHELESS WELCOME.
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